

Site: M:26/13/6

Bogley-Harper House

Built: 1930

304 Baltimore Road

Private

This handsome American Foursquare was constructed for newlyweds Lester and Louise Bogley, on land provided by the bride's parents. The square blocky mass of the house is augmented by a pyramidal hipped roof, front rectangular bay, and the application of pebbledash. The house features popularized Prairie/Craftsman details such as square bay and geometric design, contrasting textures, vertical-paned windows, and wide eave overhangs. The Harper family has lived here since 1945.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. M:26/J3/6

Magi No. 1651335804

DOE ☐ yes ☒ noNR eligible ☐ yes ☒ no  
contrib. element in H.D. ☐

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bogley-Harper House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 304 Baltimore Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Rockville ☐ vicinity of congressional district 8state Maryland county Montgomery (RV Planning Area 2)

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Maynard S. and A.D. Harperstreet & number 304 Baltimore Road telephone no.:city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 20850

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery Co. Land Records liber 942street & number Montgomery Co. Courthouse folio 439city, town Rockville state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (1976)date Park Historian's Office, Needwood Mansion ☐ federal ☒ state ☒ county ☐ localdepository for survey records 8700 Needwood Roadcity, town Derwood state Maryland

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☒ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The subject house faces south on Baltimore Road, one of a row of 2-1/2 story Foursquare houses with similar sized lots and setbacks. The lot decreases in grade from front to back, exposing the high foundation on the sides and the rear. Evergreens, azaleas, hardy shrubs, and perennial plantings break the foundation and line the side boundaries. The rear yard is shaded by mature trees. A two-car garage is located off the northeast corner of the house, accessed by a crushed rock driveway from Baltimore Road.

This 1930, three-bay by three-bay frame, 2-1/2 story rectangular American Foursquare has an unusual second story rectangular bay on the front facade, side dormers on a composition-shingled pyramidal hipped roof, a full-width front porch with arched openings, and a two-story enclosed rear sleeping and utility porch with a modern addition. The exterior finish is pebble-dash masonry with clapboard siding on the rear porches. The house rests on a beveled concrete block foundation and has one brick exterior chimney on the east facade.

A fine representative example, this American Foursquare has the square blocky mass augmented by square bays typical of the type. The moderately pitched pyramidal hipped roof is echoed in the subordinate roof of the front bay and side dormers. It includes popularized Prairie/Craftsman features as geometric design using contrasting textures such as pebble-dash, beveled concrete block and brick, vertical-paned 3/1 windows used singly and paired, plain window and door surrounds, square bays and wide eave overhangs.

The three-bay south (front) facade has a hipped pyramidal roof rectangular bay with a pair of 3/1 windows on the west half of the second story; a similar pair of windows occupies the east half. The first story has a longer pair of windows in the west bay, one window in the center bay, and a wood 15-light exterior door in the east bay. The full-width porch has a low-hipped roof supported by three stuccoed square half-pillars bracketed to form arched openings. The pillars rest on an egg and dart plinth on beveled-block piers, connected by a plain stick-and-rail balaustrade. The porch is accessed by four wide wooden steps.

The three-bay east facade is broken by an exterior brick chimney. A pyramidally-hipped roof dormer with a pair of four-light windows is

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centered on the roof. The second story has a window in each of the three bays, the north bay window being slightly smaller. There is one window in each of the south and center bays of the first story. Three small rectangular windows are in the foundation.

The north (rear) facade contains a two-story sleeping and utility porch, now completely enclosed and extended on the first story. The east side of the porch is unrelieved on the second story, and has a picture window unit formed of a large window flanked by narrow 1/1 windows on the first story. The north facade has three pairs of windows evenly spaced on the second story, and a picture window unit as on the east in the east bay. The west bay has an eight-light exterior door opening onto an open porch, the shed roof supported by two square posts. A wrought iron balustrade connects the posts and extends as railing down an eastern flight of stairs to the ground level concrete patio. The west side of the porch has two windows on the second story, and two large one-light windows on the first story. There is one rectangular basement light in the poured concrete foundation under the porch addition.

The two-bay west facade has a roof dormer like the east side. There is one window in each bay on the second story, a pair of half-length windows in the north bay, and a pair of longer windows in the south bay. There are two basement windows in the beveled block foundation.

#### Garage

The two car garage has a front-gabled jerkinhead roof covered with composition shingles. The wood overhead door is made of narrow horizontal panels, four lights replacing panels at eye level. The garage is clad in German siding and has one 6/6 window on the east and west facades.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				local history

Specific dates 1930

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

### Significance

This American Foursquare house and the one at 300 Baltimore Road were built by members of the same family. They illustrate the popular fashion for new forms and applications of masonry to decorate vernacular architecture. It has been owned by only two families and is little altered.

### ROCKVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN DATA:

1. Historic context theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning
2. Geographic Organization: Piedmont, Montgomery County, City of Rockville
3. Chronological Period(s): Maturation and Expansion ; 1873-1931.
4. Resource type: Single family residence

### History and Support

Joseph Reading and Company Real Estate was organized in 1900 by ex-Mayor Joseph Reading in partnership with his nephew John G. Reading. The Readings owned parts of "Rockville Park", and a 49 acre tract east of the depot area and north of Baltimore Road where both had residences. 1/ A few parcels of land had been sold outside the family by 1924, but most of the 49 acres were undeveloped when it was platted as "Croydon Park" subdivision. 2/ Many local families invested in the new subdivision by purchasing contiguous blocks of lots.

Walter and Bessie Thompson purchased ten lots at the western end of Block C of "Croydon Park" and built a house at the corner of Baltimore

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Statement of Significance/ History (continued) : 304 Baltimore Road

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Road and Grandin Avenue in 1926 (300 Baltimore Road). Further down Baltimore Road, the Walter Bogley family owned four lots in Block B. 3/ These two neighbor families were united by marriage when Louise Thompson married Lester Bogley in 1929. A vacant lot 90 feet east of the Thompson house was purchased for the newlyweds, and the house was constructed in 1930. 4/

The Bogley-Harper house is similar to the adjoining Thompson house in its varied masonry forms and uses: as construction material, detailing and ornament, and as splatter-dash exterior stucco. Both houses feature a full width front porch with Craftsman-style heavy masonry piers that support spanning arches.

The house at 304 Baltimore Road is smaller and more compact than its neighbor. It is a variation of the American Foursquare design with hipped roof and side dormers, but a projecting bay on the upper story adds interest to an otherwise severe silhouette. Contrast with the earlier Thompson house is provided by the use of beveled cement block instead of rusticated block for foundations and an open wooden balustrade is substituted for the closed cement one. Egg and dart patterned cement caps decorate the porch piers. A two-car frame garage has a jerkinhead/clipped gable facade.

The residence was sold in 1945 to Maynard and A.D. Harper, who are its present owners.

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Footnotes:

1. Montgomery County Sentinel, May, 1900; and Reading deeds, tax records.
2. Original Plat of Croydon Park at Montgomery County Plat Book 3, p.272.
3. Montgomery County Land Records, 352/244 (1924) to Thompsons for Lots 22,23,24,25 and 26 and lots 1 - 6 of Block C. Lots 11 - 16 of Block A and Lots 1,2,3 and 22 of Block B were sold to Bogleys at 352/363 (1924).
4. The vacant lot is unnumbered, and was part of the "Welsh Tract", later Porter Ward property. (See Survey Site M:26/13/5.) Lester Ray Bogley purchased 14,400 square feet on the west side at 508/456 (1930).

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery County Land, Tax, and Plat records. Newspaper abstracts on Reading, Thompson, and Bogley families. Interview with Cay Bride.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property ~~14,400 square feet~~

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot adjacent to Lot 26 of Block C of Croydon Park.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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City of Rockville  
scale: 1" = 600'







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